

# Glorify Thy Son

John 17:1-5

This chapter has been called *Holiest of Holies of Sacred Scripture*.

Hughes ...*the revelation of the inner sanctum of Christ's heart as he bared his soul in a final public ...*

Three sections:

- I. Jesus' Prayer for Himself (vv 1-5)
- II. Jesus' Prayer for His Apostles (vv 6-19)
- III. Jesus' Prayer for the Church (20-26)

## John 17:1

**The hour:** the focal point in time.

Jesus was always aware of God's divine timetable.

Jn 2:4 Jn 4:21 Jn 5:25 Jn 5:28 Jn 7:30 Jn 8:20 Jn 12:23 Jn 12:27-28 Jn 13:1

**... glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:**

Seen through revelation of who He is and what He is.

That people might have a clearer and more complete picture of who He is.

Every time suffering of Jesus mentioned, glory to follow.

In this window of time Jesus beaten... crucified.

All sin guilt of world laid upon Him!

Offer eternal life to all.

## John 17:2

Jesus' desire--show power of God

**Power:** of choice, liberty, physical power, mental power, spiritual power, power of authority, power of rule, jurisdiction and power over all of mankind!

**Flesh:** body, Human nature.

**that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.**

Born again believers are gifts from the Father to the Son. Jn 17:2, 6, 9, 11-12, 24

Eternal life--17 times in John.

God's free gift to all who place their faith and trust in His Son, Jesus Christ.

John 3:16-17 John 3:36 John 6:47 John 10:28

Man's point of view--we receive gift of eternal life the moment we receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

God's point of view--God gave us to the Son by divine election.

Phillips: *Here we touch the fringe of that robe of God's sovereignty in redemption. Such statements must never be isolated from the whole body of revelation. That God has given certain members of Adam's race to Christ, and that Christ has given to those chosen ones eternal life, is perfectly clear. But statements such as this must always be balanced by*

*those equally inspired statements of Scripture that attribute to us power of choice, moral accountability, and responsibility to believe. .*

John 17:12

### **John 17:3**

Eternal life? --Knowing God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ.

A personal and intimate relationship with the true God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

James 2:19

Eternal life not achieved by good works.

A gift of God that is given as a result of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

***...and Jesus Christ.***

Not simply faith in God

Must be faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ.

### **John 17:4 *I have glorified thee on the earth:***

Jesus' life--continuous and eternal documentary to God's glory.

By completing the work that God gave Him to do.

How did He glorify the Father?

Miracles Jn 2:11

Sufferings and death Jn 12:23-25;, 13:31-32

Messages Jn 5:17-19

***I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.***

Finished work---death on the cross.

John 19:30 ... *It is finished*

Why need eternal life?

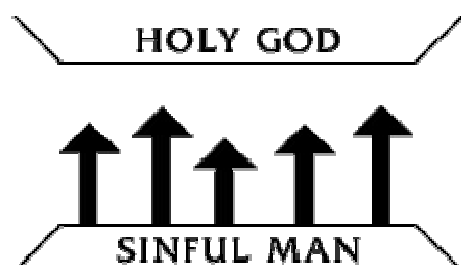
Why the cross?

Plan of salvation:

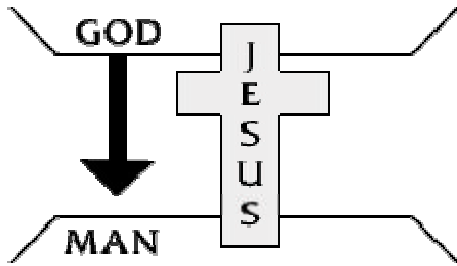
We are sinners

Continually trying to get to God through good works. Romans 3:23 Titus 3:5-6

Titus 3:6



The only way to God, the Father, is through Jesus Christ.



Romans 5:8 ... *while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

The cross--stands for holiness.

God can't stand sin.

To extent of having His only begotten Son pay the price for our redemption by shedding His own blood.

Hughes: *If Jesus had stopped short of the cross, that would have proved there is a degree of love to which God is not prepared to go for us. The cross proves there is no limit to God's love.*

John 14:6 *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

Did you know--there is nothing else Jesus needs to do in order for us to have eternal life?

Eternal life

Based on finished work of Christ.

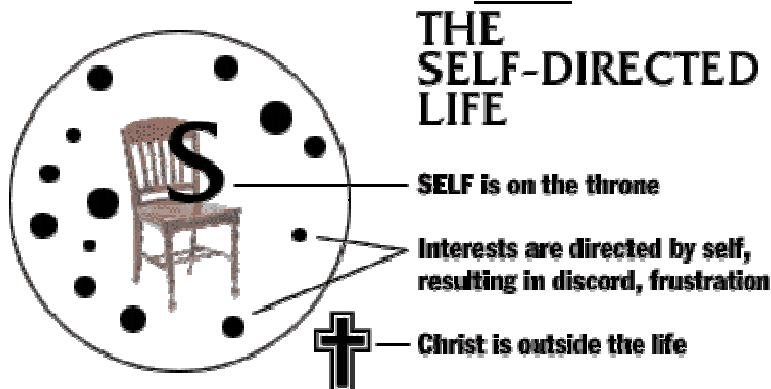
Not earned by character or good works.

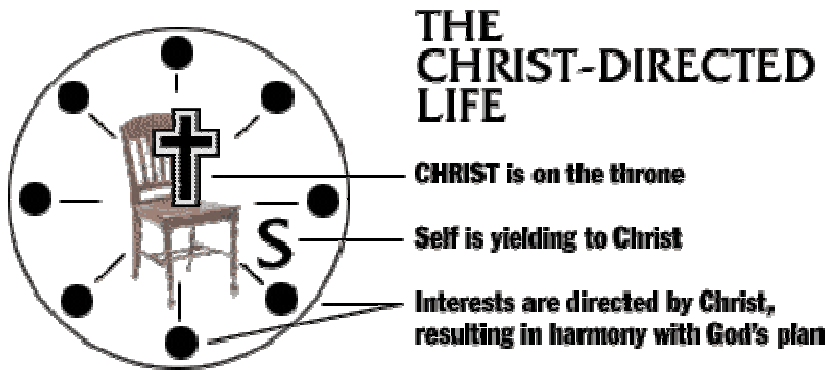
Gift we receive as result coming to the place where admit we are sinners and that there is nothing we can do to be worthy of eternal life.

Mindset of repentance--about face in our thinking

Turn from having sin and self on throne to having Christ on the throne.

From self-directed life to the Christ-directed life Proverbs 14:12 Isaiah 53:6





John 1:12 Ephesians 2:8-9

**John 17:5 *And now, O Father, glorify thou me ...***

*Allow them to see me as the infinite one, the one who has always existed.*

*Phillips: The Lord is asking that, once again, though now garbed in human clay, his pristine glory, the glory he shared with his Father before he spoke the world into being, might be his again...*

Our understanding--limited.

We know

Spoke world into existence.

Laid aside His glory.

Emptied Himself

Took upon Himself the form of a servant.

Philippians 2:6

Jesus possessed fullness of the attributes which make God. Heb 1:3

*Wilson: He is essentially God in the full possession of all that is distinctive of God in His majesty and glory.*

*thought it not robbery to be equal with God::*

*Hend: He did not count his existence-in-a-manner-equal-to-God something to cling to.*

He did not insist upon His rights of Deity but in love and mercy waived them to be able to save that which was lost.

Phil 2:7

*But made himself of no reputation: He emptied Himself.*

Stripped himself of all privileges and rightful dignity.

He gave up His riches in glory 2 Cor 8:9

He gave up his independent exercise of authority Heb 5:8

*...and took upon him the form of a servant, He added to His person,*

*Walvoord:...the act of assuming humanity and the form of a servant was superimposed upon His deity without taking away His divine attributes.*

*Servant:: Obedient service*

*...form of a Servant: Not play acting. In his very human nature. John 13:12-15*

*and was made in the likeness of men:*

100% God and 100% man at same time. Jn. 1:1 Gal 4:4 1 Tim 3:16

Phil 2:8

*...And being found in fashion as a man, Viewed as a man...human being*

*...he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Deu 21:23*

## So What?

Do you see--the glory of God attached closely to eternal life?

Eternal life—Personal relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Question #1: Do you know God and His Son, Jesus Christ?

Question #2: Do you want to bring glory to God? Be involved in bringing people to eternal life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.